

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 100 WEST OGLETHORPE AVENUE SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401

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Regulatory Division SAS-2004-10120

Mr. Thomas Holmes Kolomoki Farm, LLC 97 Lodge Road, Box 128 Bluffton, Georgia 39824

Dear Mr. Holmes:

I refer to your e-mail dated June 24, 2015, concerning the recent credit release for the Dry Creek area of the Kolomoki Mitigation Bank. By letter dated June 17, 2015, we authorized the release of 36.14 wetland mitigation credits and 16,689.14 stream mitigation credits for future sale for the Dry Creek Area of the Kolomoki Mitigation Bank. The bank is located along U.S. Highway 27, approximately 3 miles south of Bluffton, in Early County, Georgia (Latitude 31.4803, Longitude -84.8566).

The number of credits released in the above referenced letter were generated based on the credit release schedule in the Final Banking Instrument for the Kolomoki Mitigation Bank, approved on May 16, 2005. You have brought it to our attention that these totals did not include the additional credits generated from the recording of the Conservation Easement. Additionally, 12,934.4 stream mitigation credits for year 5 were not requested previously due to dry conditions at the site (15% of the total stream mitigation credits).

Based on the information provided, the Interagency Review Team's site visit on March 11, 2014, the submittal of your 7<sup>th</sup> annual monitoring report and our review of the revised credit release schedule it has been determined that the correct credit release totals are 37.92 wetland mitigation credits and 30,180.15 stream mitigation credits (20% of the wetland mitigation credits and 20% of the stream mitigation credits for meeting the success criteria milestone for the 7th year of monitoring at Dry Creek Area and 15% of the stream mitigation credits for the 5<sup>th</sup> year). Therefore, we are releasing these credits for future sale.

As stated in our June 17, 2015, letter no additional credit releases will occur for the Spring Creek area of the Kolomoki Mitigation Bank until our stated concerns have been adequately addressed.

Copies of this letter are being provided to the following parties: Mr. Eric Somerville, U.S. EPA Region 4, Ocean, Wetlands & Streams Protection Branch, c/o SESD (F120-6), 980 College Station Road, Athens, Georgia 30605-2720; Ms. Sandy Abbott, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Ecological Services, Post Office Box 52560, Ft. Benning, Georgia 31995; and, Mr. Stephen C. Wiedl, PWS, Environmental Specialist, Wetlands Unit, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, 7 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 450, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Thank you in advance for completing our on-line Customer Survey Form located at <a href="http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm">http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm</a> apex/f?p=regulatory survey. We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete a survey each time you have interaction with our office.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Terry C. Kobs, Project Manager, Coastal Branch, at 229-430-8567.

Sincerely,

William M. Rutlin Chief, Coastal Branch